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Hongkong, November 18, 1909. 1424

H. AND W. DOCK CO. LTD.
Report of the board of directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Limited, to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 21st February, to the shareholders of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1909.
Balance brought forward from last half-year... \$345,132.38
Less...
Loss on the current half-year's working... \$23,747.04
Cost of re-organization for half-year... 9,483.40
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The new Chief Manager and Secretary commenced duty in October and November respectively. The head office has been transferred to Kowloon Dock, and was occupied in beginning of November last.
Work on the No. 1 Dock extension makes satisfactory progress.
Directors—Mr W. Holmes having resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, Mr F. Lieb was invited to join the Board in his place, and this appointment now requires confirmation. Mr S. Silverstone also resigned on leaving the Colony.
In accordance with Clause 78 and 85 of the articles of association, Sir C. P. Charter, Kt., C.M.G., and Mr E. P. White retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.
The Honourable Mr W. J. Gresson has been re-elected chairman for 1910.
Auditors—The accounts have been audited by Mr H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr A. R. Lowe, C.A. (in place of Mr H. U. Jeffries resigned). The directors recommend Messrs Smith and Lowe for re-election.

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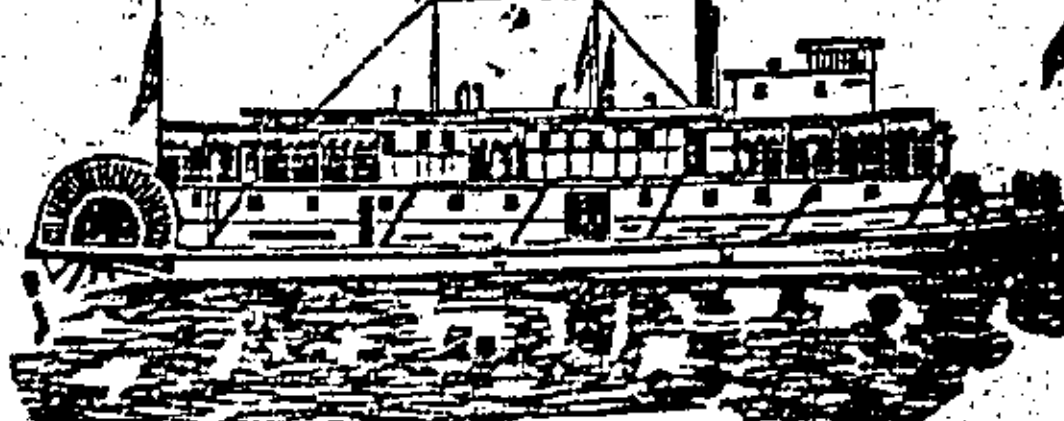
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BIRTH.

SCHROEDER.—On 17th February at Shorncliffe, Gordon Road, to Mr and Mrs C. SCHROEDER, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

THOMSON-MADDOCK.—On the 14th inst. at Canton, by the Rev. P. Jenkins, Jacob Thomson, of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, elder son of the late Jacob Thomson, M.A. and L.C., and daughter of the late Charles Rokeby Scott Maddock.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.
Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—"Terrorer" at the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 20.—
9 p.m.—Special Service for Men, St. John's Cathedral, French, the Rev. Cyril Bickerton, M.A.

MONDAY, February 21.—
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. at Co's Office.

Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provisional Office, Victoria Barracks.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting for Men, City Hall, Address by the Rev. Cyril Bickerton.

TUESDAY, February 22.—
5 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, February 23.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Curios, etc. at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

3 p.m.—Public Raffle of Race Ponies at the Fountain opposite City Hall.

THURSDAY, February 24.—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank of China, Ltd. at Bank Office.

1.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co's Office.

8 p.m.—Smoking Concert at Phoenix Club.

WEDNESDAY, March 9.—
Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co's Office.

THURSDAY, March 10.—
Noon.—Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. at Co's Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1910.

LORD ROSEBERY'S SUGGESTION.

Royal Commissions are a special and peculiar invention of the British Isles. When a public question has grown so large and prickly as to be awkward to handle, especially by the party which first started it on its career, then a Royal Commission is appointed to examine into it and very speedily the thing is smothered beneath the weight of a voluminous report which none but the compilers read through from beginning to end and the public, ever eager to be diverted by the latest new thing, turns its attention to other matters. What practical result has followed the long, learned, and expensive enquiries instituted and carried on for many years by the Law Commission? It was the hope of its founders that the outcome of this Commission's labours would be a codification of the cumbersome, contradictory and fearfully involved laws of England, and a simplification of legal procedure generally was prophesied. But the hope died stillborn. Then we have had Poor Law Commissions, Allocations Commissions, Welsh Church Commissions, Weights and Measures Commissions, Waterways Commissions, and what not, and in every case they have been like mountain labouring to bring forth a mouse. And now comes Lord Rosebery,

of the silver tongue and persuasive phrases, suggesting that the subject of Tariff Reform be examined into by a Royal Commission. An excellent suggestion truly if his Lordship's intention is to relegate the solution of the British fiscal problem to the Greek Kalends.

Despite the high hopes of Mr. Chamberlain and his immediate followers the electorate of the British Isles in the late general election did not take kindly to the Tariff Reform proposals, and the result of the recent appeal to the country cannot be said, even by the most sanguine, to have been in the slightest sense favourable to the men who would sweep away the system identified for all time with the name of Richard Cobden. Mr. Chamberlain explained this phenomenon by stoutly declaring that the electorate were disgusted by the attitude assumed by the "wobblers," those men who were afraid to make up their minds one way or the other lest unhappily they should jeopardize their precious chances of being returned to parliament. Mr. Balfour's attitude also was far from satisfactory. Only lukewarm can his adherence to the Chamberlain proposals be described. So it was no wonder that the country hesitated.

Yet he would be a bold man who would declare that the present fiscal system of Great Britain is so perfect that it needs no modification; that Cobden has uttered the last word on fiscal problems. Had all the world followed the example of England and become Free Traders, as Cobden and the Manchester school of thinkers confidently expected, there is no doubt that it would have been better for everybody. But as it is, with every other nation as gradually comes to its strength building up high fences of protection, we have stripped ourselves of all fiscal defences and now that our competitors have caught up with us in the industrial and commercial fields we are gradually being forced from our former position into one which will eventually spell disaster for every industry in the United Kingdom. Free Traders deny this strenuously, but they forget the condition of affairs in Europe sixty years ago and what a splendid and unique position Great Britain had given her then by Providence above all the nations on earth. But things have changed vastly. In the place of a feeble and much cut-up Germany with only the rudimentary beginnings of an industrial system we have now the wonderfully complete and scientifically trained German empire, while across the Atlantic has sprung up a nation to whose potentialities no man can yet place a limit. Both are relentless rivals of the island kingdom whose fetich still is Cobdenism. As the Liberal party have resolved to stick by the precepts of the Manchester school and the Unionist party hesitates to go the "whole hog" for fiscal reform, Lord Rosebery has, in his wisdom, stepped into the arena with a suggestion for smothering an awkward issue. But we sincerely hope that the matter will not go farther than suggestion for the question is far too vital and all-embracing to be politely done to death by a Royal Commission.

A telegram from Washington states that Commander Perry has proposed that the National Geographic Society and the Arctic Club should send a joint expedition to the South Pole in the autumn. Commander Perry said he was not equal to taking the leadership and that a younger man was required.

The Admiralty announce the following appointments to the Monmouth on commission:—Lieutenants: C. L. Brindley, D. C. H. D. Lympy, G. L. Coleridge (T), M. Murray, M. Tindal (N), A. C. W. Donville (G), and J. T. B. Nolley; Sub-Lieutenants: H. K. Garnier and J. Horsfield; Ensigns: Com. T. Shattuck, Lieut. Ensigns: F. C. Fisher, E. C. Warden, S. H. Dunlop; Fleet Surgeon: A. H. Jeremy, M.B., B.A.; Staff Surgeon: C. H. J. Robinson; Surgeon: A. C. Wilson, Paymaster: A. Mudge, Chaplain: Rev. F. H. Mann, and Assistant Paymaster: D. J. Colson.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 18th January was delivered in London on the 17th February.

Lord Roberts has, through the British Headquarters Association, advised English youths emigrating to Canada to leave their air of arrogance and superiority at home.

The cruiser Niobe arrived at Plymouth on 15th ult. with the paid men of the crew, on the China Station. She also took home a number of invalids and prisoners.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at noon to-morrow at the City Hall. There should be a large attendance.

Prior to Mr Lloyd-George's meeting at Newtown 1388 old-age pensioners of Montgomeryshire mounted the platform and expressed gratitude for the benefits conferred by the Old-age Pension Act.

The thanksgiving service arranged by the Vicar of St. John's Plumstead, to celebrate the deliverance of Woolwich from the hands of socialists and sabbath-breakers, was abandoned, owing to the disapproval of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Mr Lloyd George had a rather narrow escape from an angry crowd when addressing a meeting at Grimsby on 16th January. There were cries of "Traitor" and "Pro-Boer," and hisses and yells. By an elaborate series of manoeuvres, which included the negotiation of a railway wall, the police enabled him to reach Louth in safety.

Mrs Wilson Edwards, of Norwich, whose name appeared in the voters' register, presented herself at a polling booth to vote in the Norwich election. She was escorted to the polling station in a motor-car by Conservatives, but the returning officer said definite instructions had been given to every residing officer in Norwich and Norfolk that women were not to be admitted. Having faced a small band of photographers, the would-be woman voter, much disappointed, went away.

A woman calling herself Jane Warton was sentenced on January 14 to a fortnight's imprisonment at Liverpool in connection with suffragette disturbances. The authorities later discovered that she was really Lady Constance Lytton, who has since been seeking to ridicule Mr Herbert Gladstone, late Home Secretary, for releasing her on the plea that she had a weak heart, rather than forcibly lead an earl's sister.

There is naturally a general tendency to discuss in the Home papers the real meaning of the elections, which are interpreted as proving anything but either side. An excellent illustration of this is the *Westminster Gazette's* claim a substantial and decisive victory and denounces the Unionists for preventing the acknowledgment of it. The *Pall Mall*, on the other hand, shows that there is a strong anti-Budget majority in England, which has pronounced against the Budget by 239 against 226, while the 103 Irish members against the Budget will easily wipe out the Welsh and Scottish members supporting it. A great victory for Tariff Reform is proclaimed in the same manner.

Mr W. Keswick, whose name is so well known in the Far East, achieved a great triumph in the Epson division of Surrey where he was elected to the Unionist interest by a largely increased majority. The votes recorded in his favour numbered 10,919, as against only 5,232 for Sir Albert Rollit (L). Epson was about as busy as on Derby Day. Motorbuses and hacks paraded the main thoroughfares in wraps of the Unionist colours, while a large number of magnificent turnouts were being driven round about. The country districts pulled over-whimsily Unionist, and many of the farmers gave their laborers a day off to enable them to vote. Mr Keswick was returned unopposed in 1906, and at the last General Election he retained the seat by over 1,000 votes. A somewhat curious fact is that Sir Albert Rollit, his defeated opponent, is a vice-president of the Japan Society.

The *Times*, in a leading article, says that the recently held Delhi meeting of Mahomedans may prove the turning point in the history of Islam within the Empire and even indirectly throughout the world. It will be curious, even in history, if one of the consequences of the Madmal movement in India, originally confined to Hindus, be the growth of a counter force within the limits of orthodox Islam. The *Times* extolls the earnest, impressive, moderate, intensely loyal, and strikingly practical spirit of the Aga Khan's and Mr Amer Ali's addresses, which, though breathing deep devotion to Islam, certainly contain nothing which could reasonably be called offensive to non-Mahomedans. It emphasizes the importance of the social and economic side of the movement and the success of the colleges. Scholarships for scientific and technical subjects would increase enormously the social and political importance of the Mahomedans in India and would be an example to Mahomedans in all lands.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Only one case was disposed of at the Criminal Sessions to-day. The other two will come on on Monday.

The Rev. Cyril Bickerton, M.A., will give the address at a special service to be held at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow, Saturday, afternoon, February 19th, at 5.30 p.m.

In a case at the Supreme Court to-day an Indian giving evidence said, "I saw several soldiers on the road but whether they were policemen or military men I cannot say."

Though China New Year has come and gone the "week thief" has not retired from business in Kowloon. The other night several overcoats and an umbrella were stolen from a house in Knutsford Terrace.

The Magistrate was remarkably quiet this morning, there being only two cases of any interest to record. An Indian watchman was fined \$5 for being asleep while on duty at Messrs Bailey and Co's shipyard, and a native was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks for stealing impurities from tea-pot stands at Yumati.

Speaking in Dublin during the election, Mr J. E. Redmond expressed his confidence in the fulfilment of Mr Asquith's pledge respecting Home Rule. The Nationalists, he said, would not ask for Home Rule before the vote of the House of Lords was settled, but when the vote was gone the friends of Home Rule would carry Home Rule. Irishmen, he said, did not ask for separation.

Mr Akerman, the owner of a menagerie at Devalland, Louisiana (U.S.A.), was murdered while feeding an ape. After the murder the animal, whenever it saw Starr, an employee of the menagerie, and his wife, flew into a terrible rage. Starr and his wife were convicted of the murder, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. It is understood that the ape's rage was brought into court at the trial influenced the jury against the prisoners more than the circumstantial evidence.

The censor of plays has banned the performance of the opera "Salome" by Mr Richard Strauss at the Covent Garden Theatre. This opera is generally recognised as an important product of the musical art of to-day, the orchestration being especially elaborate and original, and on that account it has been freely accepted at various leading Continental theatres. The objectionable feature in it is, of course, the frenzied dance of Salome round the bleeding head of John the Baptist, which the woman ultimately covers with kisses in a horrible outburst of passionate savagery.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr and Mrs Bayl, Mr and Mrs Geo. Dallas and Mr W. O. Picie returned to Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. Korea.

The *Scotsman* anticipates that the Earl of Dudley, Governor-General of Australia, will succeed to the Viceroyalty of India, or the Governor-Generalship of Canada.

The Rev. Benjamin Pollock, C.V.O., Master of Wellington College since 1883, has been appointed Bishop of Norwich in place of the Right Rev. John Shephards, who has resigned.

Second Lieutenant I. C. Innes, "The Buffs," on joining the Indian Army from the 2nd Battalion, Hongkong, has been attached to the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, Poona.

The late Mr D. Ogden Mills, a well-known American financier, has left a fortune of \$10,000,000, which will be divided between his son and his daughter, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American Ambassador in London. He bequeathed \$100,000 to charity.

Notwithstanding the somewhat blustery weather to-day a very large company assembled at the invitation to the As Home on board the Shikima, Vice-Admiral Baron Kamimura's flagship. The Japanese officers made perfect hosts and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Mr E. F. Aucht, who two years ago captained the Hongkong Football Club, left by the s.s. Delta to-day for a twelve months' leave of absence at home, during which time he is to be married. Mr Aucht is connected with the firm of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.

A Washington telegram printed in *Mall* papers says that the proposed retirement from the United States Navy of Commander Perry, the discoverer of the North Pole, with the rank of rear admiral, has been blocked in the House Committee, which refuses to report the bill.

The Salon Cinematograph is attracting very large audiences nightly where the programme is of a high class order. The films are up-to-date and interesting while the artists, Miss Ida King, Miss Ruby Crystal, and Mr. Carl Walther, are all first-class. Matinees are held on Saturdays at 4 p.m.

COOLIES CREATE TROUBLE.

How at Kowloon Docks.

Before Mr J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court, three coolies were charged with using violence with others not in custody, with intent to prevent other coolies from following their lawful occupation at Kowloon Docks and with assault.

Mr P. W. Goldring prosecuted and Mr Otto Kong Sing defended.

Mr Goldring said that the trouble arose in connection with the contract for the extension of No. 1 Dock, which was let to Chan Ah King, and of which Messrs Leigh and Orange were the architects. Chan Ah King, it appeared, was slow with the work and it had been found necessary to engage outside labour. These outside labourers were not Hakkas, the coolies employed by Chan Ah King being Hakkas, and thus jealousy had caused a good deal of trouble. It was a very serious matter and they had to be watching them all the time. A clause in the contract stated that if the architects found the contractor was not doing the work speedily enough they were to engage labour.

Evidence was taken on the charge of assault and the case was adjourned.

INDIAN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

One Year's Hard Labour.

At the Criminal Sessions, which opened before the Acting Chief Justice (the Hon. Mr W. Rees Davies, K.C.), to-day Fakir Khan, alias Jamil Din, was indicted on a charge of robbery, alleged to have been committed at Tai-pat-chong, on December 24th, whereby Fati Din was said to have been robbed of £18, \$11, a cap and a pair of boots.

The Acting Attorney General (Mr F. A. Hazell), instructed by Mr H. L. Dunne, J., prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, while prisoner was unrepresented. The jury was constituted as follows:—Messrs J. McCubbin, J. G. Muir, J. F. Cox-Edwards, L. J. Meyner, E. B. Raymond, R. Hunter, and J. Craig.

The Attorney General, in opening the case, said the place where the robbery was alleged to have been committed was about a mile west of Kowloon City. It appeared that complainant was going to America, and it was, of course, necessary that he should be medically examined. He met the prisoner, who said he had a friend who would be able to get him passed. At 8 p.m. they had a meal together and after the meal was over prisoner took complainant to a secluded spot and there attacked and robbed him. Nobody saw the attack, but witnesses would be called to prove that complainant had the 18 sovereigns about that time and that about two hours prior to the alleged robbery the two men were seen in company. Evidence would also be produced to show that on the following day complainant made a complaint as to the robbery and had evidently been very badly hurt and mangled.

Defendant in his evidence, said all the witnesses for the prosecution were "unemployed Hairs who do nothing but go around begging." The whole story was concocted. He was at Macao at the time of the alleged robbery; he was not an evil spirit who could be at Macao and Hongkong at the same time. Asked in cross-examination how he could account for the wounds on complainant defendant said, "They have done it themselves; perhaps he was drunk." His Lordship, in directing the jury, said the question they had to decide was whether prisoner was the man; there could be no doubt an assault had been committed, if as prisoner alleged, it was a trumped-up story, the witnesses could have carried a little further—they could easily have said that they saw the assault or that they saw prisoner running away. But they simply said they saw the two men go together. Of course, as prisoner suggested, it was strange that they should go out at six o'clock at night to get a doctor's certificate, and it also seemed a little incredible that prisoner, after stealing 18 sovereigns, should take the trouble to take away complainant's shoes.

The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty. Asked if he had anything to say prisoner said he would leave 15 to his Lordship. His Lordship said he would take into consideration the fact that the witness was not committed with any weapons and in that respect was unlike the robberies which had recently been committed in the Colony. The sentence of the Court would be twelve months' hard labour.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

MINIMUM IMPORT DUTIES TO BE LEVIED.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, February 17.

The Government of the U.S.A. has informed the Japanese Foreign Office that America will apply the minimum import duties on Japanese goods imported into America after the 1st of April.

BIG MISSIONARY MEETING.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, February 17.

Missionaries and Christians in Korea have held a large meeting which has attracted much public attention in Korea and Japan.

GERMAN WARSHIPS COLLIDE.

HEAVY DAMAGES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 18.

The German cruiser Dresden and Koenigsberg have collided off Kiel. It is stated that the Dresden's repairs will take several weeks.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

IRISH AND LABOUR VOTE BLOCKING THE PATH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 18.

A long meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday after which Mr Asquith went to see the King. Then another Cabinet meeting was held. It is understood in the Lobby that the negotiations between Mr Asquith and Mr Redmond, leader of the Irish party, have failed.

Mr Barnes, the Labour Leader, has issued a statement that Mr Asquith has failed to obtain from the King promised guarantees. Moreover the Budget is to have precedence over the resolution concerning the Lords' right of veto and this course is unacceptable to the Labourites.

"LA MASCOFFE."

On Thursday before a distinguished audience including His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, His Excellency Major General Broadwood, Mr W. Rees Davies, Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Compston, Hon. Mr E. A. and Mrs. Hawt, Commander Baskin, Mr Taylor, Mr Fox, Mr and Mrs. Grove, Baron Kamimura, Mr and Mrs. J. Leiria, Lieut Colonel and Mrs. Chapman, Mr W. T. Hookaday, Miss Lyon, Captain F. J. and Mrs. Badley, Commander and Mrs. Penfold, Mr Haslam, Mrs. Ryan, Consul General Funnell, Mr Blanche, Captain P. H. M. Taylor, A.D.C., Captain Heathcote, A.D.C., Mr Cockburn, Mr T. A. Commander Atten, Mr M. Henderson, Mr J. Marquis, Captain Lima and many others, the children of the members of the Lusitania Club gave another excellent performance of "La Mascotte." Every one was highly delighted with the piece and expressions of admiration were heard on every side. At the fall of the curtain His Excellency the Governor called Mr A. B. de Silva before the footlights, and Mr Silva briefly thanked His Excellency and the large audience for their presence that evening.

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COMMERCIAL

Meers Polishwall, and Kotwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers, report:—Our last report, per s.s. Arcadia, was dated the 28th instant. During the early part of the most terrifying period contracts continued to be entered into by some dealers who, as mentioned in our last, wished to lay in

ood supply with a view to meeting the demand anticipated on the resumption of business after the New Year. On the other hand the two principal dealers have stood aloof, stating that they consider present prices dangerously high and are bound to curtail consumption. In the meantime,

Further advance in prices, from \$1 to \$2, has been established, being mainly bought about by the speculative dealers in order to enhance their previous holdings, and being encouraged thereto by the all unsold stock held by the importers. Since the advent of the New Year, on the 11th, however,

been suspended and will probably
remain so until the return of the
country buyers from the interior. We
are quiet but steady. No. 6 and 8. - No
news has been reported. No. 1's -
count has been the medium of a more
active business than has been the case
lately. No. 12's - A fair number of

have been entered into for for-
delivery. No. 18s.—Owing to its
city, this count is now fetching good
No. 20s.—A fair amount of business
been booked, but it is not so extensive
during the period covered by our last
lar. Total sales 7500 bales. Unsold
estimated at 12,000 bales. S. J. J. J.

—The Mail Steamers Assaye and
and extra Steamers Iachia from
ay, and Kunming from Calcutta
brought in 7,507 bales for
and 15,483 bales for Shanghai, no
out for North.

800 bales in No. 10, of various chops to the price being comparatively low—@ \$119 to 123 to \$128.

—A few small contracts entered into of No. 16 at \$148.

—Reported quiet throughout tonight, while some 2000 bales have shipped from that port and sold in

Cotton.—No business reported in Chinese or Bengal. A recent arrival of parcels of Bengal is now under contract. Quotation: Bengal @ \$32 to \$35 per picul.

SHIP ENGINEERING IN 1909.

age of 1,203,408. This is 126,000 tons to 11½ per cent.—more than in 1905, but 827,000 tons less in 1908, when the output of British ships reached its maximum. Thus, as *high-seas*, where ten men were employed, six only were last year. This is on the assumption work required for the

been the same, but Engineer-
ers do not on this point. In
the total are 19 vessels for the
navy, and nine for foreign marines.
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 -day, he asked to be excused on
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 of Justice—What is the particular
 work, sir?
 -Well, we are rather under-
 present in the office, and it is
 what I should be there.
 -Adship—Are you alone in your
 -er—No, I am not alone. The
 is there, but if it possible
 -Adship—It is very difficult with

who have asked to be excused
must be very strong grounds
I consent to excuse anyone.
You say you are exceptionally
—I don't say it is absolutely
but it would be more con-
siderable to be excused.
My General—I think there is
the Company coming on.
Ship—You will be excused for
—Thanks.

with, speaking at Lurgoward, during the election campaign, to questions that he proposed an Act of Parliament to limit the House of Lords to the House of Commons.

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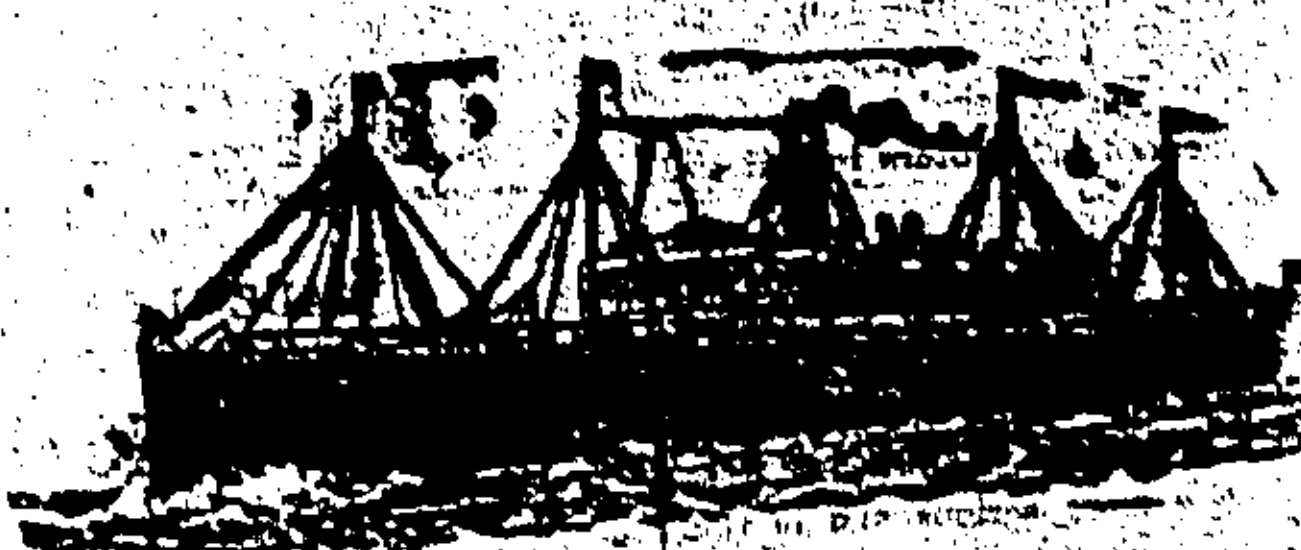
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OF WILLIE'S VIEW AND FORECAST.

Under this heading Dr. J. C. Willie has a two-page article in the *Indo Rubber World* (New York). Dr. Willie's contribution is mainly historical. We reproduce the concluding paragraphs:-

At the time of this writing, it is probable that about 400,000 acres in tropical Asia are planted with *Hevea brasiliensis*. This means, in the course of the next seven or eight years, a production of about 40,000 to 50,000 tons of clean rubber, of a good deal more than half of the world's present total production. Add to this the fact that during the present boom rubber companies are being floated almost daily, that tropical America and Africa have a fair amount of rubber planted, that it is improbable that the wild rubber of South America will be driven of the market for a long time to come, and that there are also considerable areas planted in other kinds of rubber, and it is evident that it will not be very many years before rubber is cheap and new uses for it may begin to arise freely.

A word of mention in conclusion in regard to other rubbers. 'Castillo elastica', so largely planted in Mexico, has been given up in tropical Asia on account of its uncertainty. It is by no means easy to persuade the tree to grow well all the time. It may begin well and then fall off, or vice versa. The amount of rubber given by tapping is very variable, and there is no wound response.

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